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### Pointwise Inner and Center Actors of a Lie Crossed Module

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a Lie crossed module and  $\operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\operatorname{Act}_{z}(\mathcal{L})$  be the pointwise inner actor and center actor of  $\mathcal{L}$ , respectively. We will give a necessary and sufficient condition under which  $\operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\operatorname{Act}_{z}(\mathcal{L})$  are equal.

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## 1. Introduction

Crossed modules of groups are introduced by Whitehead [11] to study homotopy relation among groups. Lie crossed modules are also introduced and used by Lavendhomme and Rosin [8] as a sufficient coefficient of a nonabelian cohomology of T-algebras.

A crossed module  $\mathcal{L}$  in Lie algebras is a homomorphism  $d: L_1 \longrightarrow L_0$  with an action of  $L_0$  on  $L_1$  satisfying special conditions (see Casas [3], Casas and Ladra [4, 5] for details).

In [9], Norrie extended the definition of actor to the 2-dimensional case by giving a description of the corresponding object in the category of crossed modules of groups. The analogoue construction for the category of crossed modules of Lie algebras is given in [5].

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Actor of crossed module of Leibniz algebras also introduced by Casas et al. in [6].

Allahyari and Saeedi in [1] and [2] introduced a chain of subcrossed modules of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$ , and showed that for two Lie crossed module  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $ID^*Act(\mathcal{L}) \cong ID^*Act(\mathcal{M})$  if  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  are isoclinic. Sheikh-Mohseni et al. [10] gives a necessary and sufficient condition for  $Der_c(L)$  and  $Der_z(L)$  of a Lie algebra L to be equal.

In this paper, we shall introduce a new subcrossed module of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$ , denoted by  $Act_z(\mathcal{L})$ , and study its relationships with subcrossed modules of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$ , say  $InnAct(\mathcal{L})$  and  $Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$ . In section 2, definitions and primary notations used for Lie crossed module and  $Act(\mathcal{L})$  are presented. In section 3,  $Act_z(\mathcal{L})$  is defined and some of its elementary properties are proved. In section 4, we prove the main theorem, which gives a necessary and sufficient condition for the equality of  $Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $Act_z(\mathcal{L})$ .

#### 2. Preliminaries on crossed modules

**Definition 2.1.** A Lie crossed module is a Lie homomorphism  $d: L_1 \longrightarrow L_0$  together with an action of  $L_0$  on  $L_1$ , denoted as  $(l_0, l_1) \mapsto^{l_0} l_1$  for all  $l_0 \in L_0$  and  $l_1 \in L_1$ , such that

(1) 
$$d(l_0 l_1) = [l_0, d(l_1)];$$

$$(2) \ \ ^{d(l_1)}l_1' = [l_1, l_1'],$$

for all  $l_0 \in L_0$  and  $l_1, l_1' \in L_1$ . The crossed module  $\mathcal{L}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$ .

The crossed module  $\mathcal{L}': (L'_1, L'_0, d')$  is a subcrossed module of  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$ , and denoted by  $\mathcal{L}' \leq \mathcal{L}$ , if  $L'_0$  and  $L'_1$  are subalgebras of  $L_0$  and  $L_1$ , respectively, and d' is the restriction of d on  $L'_1$ , and the action of  $L'_0$  on  $L'_1$  is induced from the action of  $L_0$  on  $L_1$ .

The subcrossed module  $\mathcal{L}': (L'_1, L'_0, d')$  of  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{L}' \triangleleft \mathcal{L}$ , if  $L'_0$  and  $L'_1$  are ideals of  $L_0$  and  $L_1$ , respectively, and that we have  ${}^{l_0}l'_1 \in L'_1$  and  ${}^{l'_0}l_1 \in L'_1$  for all  $l_0 \in L_0$ ,  $l'_0 \in L'_0$ ,  $l_1 \in L_1$ , and  $l'_1 \in L'_1$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a Lie crossed module. The center  $Z(\mathcal{L})$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ , that is an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ , is defined as

$$Z(\mathcal{L}): (^{L_0}L_1, \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0), d_{||}),$$

where

$$^{L_0}L_1 = \{l_1 \in L_1 \mid^{l_0} l_1 = 0, \ \forall \ l_0 \in L_0\}$$

and

$$\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) = \left\{ l_0 \in L_0 \mid^{l_0} l_1 = 0, \ \forall \ l_1 \in L_1 \right\}.$$

and  $d_{\parallel}$  is restriction of d to  $^{L_0}L_1$ .

The crossed module  $\mathcal{L}$  is abelian if it coincides with its center, i.e.

$$L_1 = {}^{L_0} L_1$$
 and  $L_0 = \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$ .

The derived subcrossed module of  $\mathcal{L}$ , denoted as  $\mathcal{L}^2$ , is defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}^2:(D_{L_0}(L_1),L_0^2,d_|),$$

where

$$D_{L_0}(L_1) = \langle l_0 l_1 \mid l_0 \in L_0, l_1 \in L_1 \rangle.$$

and  $d_{\parallel}$  is restriction of d to  $^{L_0}L_1$ .

A homomorphism between two Lie crossed modules  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  and  $\mathcal{L}':(L_1',L_0',d')$  is a pair (f,g) of Lie algebra homomorphisms  $f:L_1\longrightarrow L_1'$  and  $g:L_0\longrightarrow L_0'$  satisfying

- $(1) \ d'f = gd;$
- (2)  $f(l_0 l_1) = g(l_0) f(l_1),$

for all  $l_0 \in L_0$  and  $l_1 \in L_1$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Assume  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  is a crossed module. A derivation of  $\mathcal{L}$  is a pair  $(\psi,\phi):\mathcal{L}\to\mathcal{L}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $\psi \in \operatorname{Der}(L_1)$ ,
- (2)  $\phi \in \text{Der}(L_0)$ ,
- (3)  $d\psi = \phi d$ ,
- (4)  $\psi(l_0 l_1) = l_0 \psi(l_1) + \phi(l_0) (l_1),$

for all  $l_0 \in L_0$  and  $l_1 \in L_1$ .

The set of all derivations of  $\mathcal{L}$  is denoted by  $Der(\mathcal{L})$ , which is a Lie algebra with bracket as in the following:

$$[(\psi, \phi), (\psi', \phi')] = ([\psi, \psi'], [\phi, \phi']) = (\psi\psi' - \psi'\psi, \phi\phi' - \phi'\phi).$$

**Definition 2.4.** Assume  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  is a Lie algebra crossed module. The a map  $\delta:L_0\to L_1$  is called crossed derivation if

$$\delta([l_0, l'_0]) =^{l_0} \delta(l'_0) -^{l'_0} \delta(l_0)$$

for all  $l_0, l'_0 \in L_0$ . The set of all crossed derivations from  $L_0$  to  $L_1$  is denoted by  $Der(L_0, L_1)$ , which turns into a Lie algebra via the following bracket:

$$[\delta_1, \delta_2] = \delta_1 d\delta_2 - \delta_2 d\delta_1$$

for all  $\delta_1, \delta_2 \in \text{Der}(L_0, L_1)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** To each Lie crossed module  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$ , there corresponds a crossed module  $Act(\mathcal{L}): (Der(L_0, L_1), Der(\mathcal{L}), \Delta)$  such that

hom 
$$\Delta Der(L_0, L_1)Der(\mathcal{L})\delta(\delta d, d\delta)$$

and the action of  $Der(\mathcal{L})$  on  $Der(L_0, L_1)$  is defined as

$$(\alpha,\beta)\delta = \alpha\delta - \delta\beta$$

for all  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{Der}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\delta \in \text{Der}(L_0, L_1)$ , and it is called the actor of  $\mathcal{L}$  (see Casas and Ladra, [5]).

**Proposition 2.6.** There exists a canonical homomorphism of crossed modules as

$$(\varepsilon, \eta) : \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Act}(\mathcal{L}),$$

where

hom 
$$\varepsilon L_1 \operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1) l_1 \delta_{l_1}$$
 and hom  $\eta L_0 \operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L}) l_0(\alpha_{l_0}, \beta_{l_0})$ ,

in which  $\delta_{l_1}(l_0) = {}^{l_0} l_1$ ,  $\alpha_{l_0}(l_1) = {}^{l_0} l_1$ , and  $\beta_{l_0}(l'_0) = [l_0, l'_0]$  for all  $l_0 \in L_0$ ,  $l'_0 \in L_0$ , and  $l_1 \in L_1$ .

The image of  $(\varepsilon, \eta)$  is an ideal of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$  and it is denoted as  $InnAct(\mathcal{L})$ . We have

InnAct(
$$\mathcal{L}$$
) :  $(\varepsilon(L_1), \eta(L_0), \Delta_{|})$ .

On can easily see that  $\ker(\varepsilon, \eta) = Z(\mathcal{L})$ . (See allahyary and saeedi [1])

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a Lie crossed module. Then the pointwise inner actor of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as follows:

$$Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) : (Der_{pi}(L_0, L_1), Der_{pi}(\mathcal{L}), \Delta_{|}),$$

where

$$\operatorname{Der}_{pi}(L_0, L_1) = \{ \delta \in \operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1) \mid \forall \ l_0 \in L_0, \ \exists \ l_1 \in L_1 : \delta(l_0) = l_0 \ l_1 \}$$

and

$$\mathrm{Der}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathrm{Der}(\mathcal{L}) \mid \begin{array}{c} \forall \ l_1 \in L_1, \ \exists \ l_0 \in L_0 : \alpha(l_1) =^{l_0} \ l_1, \\ \forall \ l_0 \in L_0, \ \exists \ l'_0 \in L_0 : \beta(l_0) = [l'_0, l_0] \end{array} \right\}.$$

One can easily verify that  $Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  is a subcrossed module of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$  and contains  $InnAct(\mathcal{L})$  (see Allahyari and Saeedi [1]).

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  be a Lie crossed module. Then  $\mathrm{ID}^*\mathrm{Act}(\mathcal{L})$  is defined as

$$ID^*Act(\mathcal{L}): (ID^*(L_0, L_1), ID^*(\mathcal{L}), \Delta_{|}),$$

where

$$\mathrm{ID}^*(L_0,L_1) = \left\{ \delta \in \mathrm{Der}(L_0,L_1) \mid \begin{array}{l} \delta(x_0) \in D_{L_0}(L_1), \ \forall \ x_0 \in L_0, \\ \delta(x_0) = 0, \ \forall \ x_0 \in \mathrm{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0), \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$ID^*(\mathcal{L}) = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in Der(\mathcal{L}) \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha(x_1) \in D_{L_0}(L_1), \ \forall \ x_1 \in L_1, \\ \alpha(x_1) = 0, \ \forall \ x_1 \in L_0, \\ \beta(x_0) \in L_0^2, \ \forall \ x_0 \in L_0, \\ \beta(x_0) = 0, \ \forall \ x_0 \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0) \end{array} \right\}.$$

On can easily show that  $ID^*Act(\mathcal{L})$  is a subcrossed module of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$  and contains  $Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  (see Allahyari and Saeedi [1]).

## 3. Center actor of Lie crossed modules

In this section we define subcrossed module of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$  namely  $Act_z(\mathcal{L})$  and we prove some of its elementary properties.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  be a Lie crossed module. The  $\mathrm{Act}_z(\mathcal{L})$  is defined as follows:

$$Act_z(\mathcal{L}) : (Der_z(L_0, L_1), Der_z(\mathcal{L}), \Delta_{|}),$$

where

$$\operatorname{Der}_{z}(L_{0}, L_{1}) = \{ \delta \in \operatorname{Der}(L_{0}, L_{1}) \mid \delta(l_{0}) \in L_{0}, \forall l_{0} \in L_{0} \}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Der}_{z}(\mathcal{L}) = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in \operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L}) \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha(l_{1}) \in^{L_{0}} L_{1}, \ \forall \ l_{1} \in L_{1}, \\ \beta(l_{0}) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_{0}}(L_{1}) \cap Z(L_{0}), \ \forall \ l_{0} \in L_{0}. \end{array} \right\}$$

Note that  $\Delta_{\parallel}$  is the restriction of  $\Delta$  to  $\mathrm{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.**  $Act_z(\mathcal{L})$  is a subcrossed module of  $Act(\mathcal{L})$ .

*Proof.* We have to show that

- (1)  $\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1) \leq \operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1);$
- (2)  $\operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L}) \leqslant \operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L});$
- (3)  $\Delta_{|\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0,L_1)} \subseteq \operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L}).$
- (1) Assume  $\delta, \delta'$  are two arbitrary elements of  $\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$ . Then

$$\delta(x_0) \in {}^{L_0} L_1$$
 and  $\delta'(x_0) \in {}^{L_0} L_1$ 

for all  $x_0 \in L_0$ . Now since  $[\delta, \delta'](x_0) = \delta d\delta'(x_0) - \delta' d\delta(x_0)$ , one can easily verify that

$$[\delta, \delta'](x_0) \in {}^{L_0} L_1$$

for all  $x_0 \in \mathcal{L}$ . Hence  $\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1) \leqslant \operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1)$ .

(2) Let  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha', \beta')$  be two elements of  $Der_z(\mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$\alpha(x_1) \in^{L_0} L_1$$
 and  $\alpha'(x_1) \in^{L_0} L_1$ ,  
 $\beta(x_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$  and  $\beta'(x_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$ 

for all  $x_0 \in L_0$  and  $x_1 \in L_1$ . Since

$$[(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta')] = ([\alpha, \alpha'], [\beta, \beta']) = (\alpha\alpha' - \alpha'\alpha, \beta\beta' - \beta'\beta),$$

one can see that

$$(\alpha \alpha' - \alpha' \alpha)(x_1) = \alpha \alpha'(x_1) - \alpha' \alpha(x_1) \in^{L_0} L_1,$$
  
$$(\beta \beta' - \beta' \beta)(x_0) = \beta \beta'(x_0) - \beta' \beta(x_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$$

for all  $x_0 \in L_0$  and  $x_1 \in L_1$ . Therefore  $[(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta')] \in \operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L})$  so that  $\operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L}) \leq \operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L})$ .

(3) Assume  $\delta \in \operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$ . From the definition of  $\Delta$ , we have

$$\Delta(\delta) = (\delta d, d\delta).$$

One can easily check that

$$\delta d(x_1) \in {}^{L_0} L_1,$$
  
$$d\delta(x_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$$

for all  $x_0 \in L_0$  and  $x_1 \in L_1$ . Thus  $\Delta(\delta) = (\delta d, d\delta) \in \operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L})$ , and so  $\Delta_{|\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)} \subseteq \operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L})$ . Therefore  $\operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) \leqslant \operatorname{Act}(\mathcal{L})$ , and the proof is complete.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a Lie crossed module and  $\mathcal{M}: (M_1, M_0, d)$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then the centralizer of  $\mathcal{M}$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ , denoted as  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathcal{M})$ , is defined as

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathcal{M}): (^{M_0}L_1, C_{L_0}(M_0) \cap \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(M_1), d_|),$$

where

$$\begin{split} ^{M_0}L_1 &= \left\{ x_1 \in L_1 \mid ^{x_0} x_1 = 0, \ \forall \ x_0 \in M_0 \right\}, \\ C_{L_0}(M_0) &= \left\{ x_0 \in L_0 \mid [x_0, y_0] = 0, \ \forall \ y_0 \in M_0 \right\}, \\ \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(M_1) &= \left\{ x_0 \in L_0 \mid ^{x_0} x_1 = 0, \ \forall \ x_1 \in M_1 \right\}. \end{split}$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}: (M_1, M_0, d_1)$  and  $\mathcal{N}: (N_1, N_0, d_1)$  be two ideals of the crossed module  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$ . Then the ideal  $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N} : (M_1 \cap N_1, M_0 \cap N_0, d_{\mid}).$$

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a Lie crossed module and  $\mathcal{M}: (M_1, M_0, d)$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathcal{M}) = Z(\mathcal{M})$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a Lie crossed module and  $\operatorname{InnAct}(\mathcal{L}) \leq \mathcal{H} \leq \operatorname{ID}^* \operatorname{Act}(\mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$C_{\text{Act}(\mathcal{L})}(\mathcal{H}) = \text{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}).$$

*Proof.* Assume  $\mathcal{H}: (H_1, H_0, \Delta)$ . We need to show that

- (1)  $^{H_0}$ Der $(L_0, L_1) = Der_z(L_0, L_1);$
- (2)  $C_{\mathrm{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_0) \cap \mathrm{st}_{\mathrm{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_1) = \mathrm{Der}_z(\mathcal{L}).$
- (1) Let  $\delta \in \text{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$ . Then  $\delta(l_0) \in L_0$  for all  $l_0 \in L_0$ . Now if  $(\alpha, \beta) \in H_0$ , then we observe that

$$^{(\alpha,\beta)}\delta(l_0) = (\alpha\delta - \delta\beta)(l_0) = \alpha(\delta(l_0)) - \delta(\beta(l_0)) = -\delta(\beta(l_0)).$$

Since  $\beta(l_0) \in L_0^2$ , there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in L_0$  such that  $\beta(l_0) = [x_0, y_0]$ . Then

$$(\alpha,\beta)\delta(l_0) = \delta([x_0,y_0]) = {}^{y_0}\delta(x_0) - {}^{x_0}\delta(y_0) = 0.$$

Thus  $\delta \in {}^{H_0} \operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1)$  and consequently  $\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1) \subseteq {}^{H_0} \operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1)$ .

Conversely, assume  $\delta \in {}^{H_0}$  Der $(L_0, L_1)$ . Then  ${}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\delta(x_0) = 0$  for all  $x_0 \in L_0$  and  $(\alpha,\beta) \in H_0$ . Now since  $\mathcal{H}$  contains InnAct $(\mathcal{L})$ , we can write  $(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha_{l_0},\beta_{l_0})$  for some  $l_0 \in L_0$ . Then

$$(\alpha_{l_0}, \beta_{l_0}) \delta(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow (\alpha_{l_0} \delta - \delta \beta_{l_0})(x_0) = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{l_0}(\delta(x_0)) - \delta(\beta_{l_0}(x_0)) = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow^{l_0} \delta(x_0) - \delta([l_0, x_0]) = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow^{l_0} \delta(x_0) - {}^{l_0} \delta(x_0) + {}^{x_0} \delta(l_0) = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow^{x_0} \delta(l_0) = 0$$

for all  $x_0, l_0 \in L_0$ . Therefore  $\delta \in \operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$  so that  ${}^{H_0}\operatorname{Der}(L_0, L_1) \subseteq \operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$ .

(2) Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$\alpha(l_1) \in {}^{L_0} L_1$$
 and  $\beta(l_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$ 

for all  $l_0 \in L_0$  and  $l_1 \in L_1$ . Now assume  $(\alpha', \beta') \in H_0$  is any element. Then

$$[(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta')] = ([\alpha, \alpha'], [\beta, \beta']),$$
$$[\alpha, \alpha'](l_1) = (\alpha\alpha' - \alpha'\alpha)(l_1) = \alpha(\alpha'(l_1)) - \alpha'(\alpha(l_1)) = \alpha(\alpha'(l_1)).$$

Since  $\alpha'(l_1) \in D_{L_0}(L_1)$ , there exist  $x_0 \in L_0$  and  $x_1 \in L_1$  such that

$$[\alpha, \alpha'](l_1) = \alpha(\alpha'(l_1)) = \alpha(x_0 x_1) = x_0 \alpha(x_1) + \beta(x_0) x_1 = 0.$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$[\beta, \beta'](l_0) = (\beta\beta' - \beta'\beta)(l_0) = \beta(\beta'(l_0)) - \beta'(\beta(l_0))$$
$$= \beta([x_0, y_0]) = [\beta(x_0), y_0] + [x_0, \beta(y_0)] = 0$$

for some  $x_0, y_0 \in L_0$ . Hence, we conclude that  $[(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta')] = 0$  and so

$$\operatorname{Der}_{z}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq C_{\operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_{0}).$$
 (3.1)

Now suppose that  $\delta \in H_1$ . Then

$$(\alpha,\beta)\delta(x_0) = \alpha(\delta(x_0)) - \delta(\beta(x_0)) = \alpha(\delta(x_0)).$$

Since  $H_1 \subseteq ID^*(L_0, L_1)$ , there exist elements  $y_0 \in L_0$  and  $y_1 \in L_1$  such that  $\delta(x_0) = y_0$   $y_1$ . Then we have

$$(\alpha,\beta)\delta(x_0) = \alpha(\delta(x_0)) = \alpha(y_0,y_1) = y_0 \alpha(y_1) + \beta(y_0) y_1 = 0.$$

Thus

$$\operatorname{Der}_{z}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \operatorname{st}_{\operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_{1}).$$
 (3.2)

From (3.1) and (3.2) it follows that

$$\operatorname{Der}_{z}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq C_{\operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_{0}) \cap \operatorname{st}_{\operatorname{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_{1}).$$

Conversely, assume  $(\alpha, \beta) \in C_{\mathrm{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_0) \cap \mathrm{st}_{\mathrm{Der}(\mathcal{L})}(H_1)$ . Then

$$(\alpha,\beta)\delta = 0$$
 and  $[(\alpha,\beta),(\alpha',\beta')] = 0$ 

for all  $\delta \in H_1$  and  $(\alpha', \beta') \in H_0$ . Now since  $InnAct(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ , we can write  $\delta = \delta_{l_1}$  for some  $l_1 \in L_1$ . Then

$$\begin{split} {}^{(\alpha,\beta)}\delta_{l_1}(x_0) &= 0 \Rightarrow \alpha(\delta_{l_1}(x_0)) - \delta_{l_1}(\beta(x_0)) = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha({}^{x_0}l_1) - {}^{\beta(x_0)} \ l_1 = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow {}^{x_0} \ \alpha(l_1) + {}^{\beta(x_0)} \ l_1 - {}^{\beta(x_0)} \ l_1 = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow {}^{x_0} \ \alpha(l_1) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_0 \in L_0$  and  $l_1 \in L_1$ . This shows that

$$\alpha(l_1) \in^{L_0} L_1 \tag{3.3}$$

for all  $l_1 \in L_1$ .

On the other hand, for all  $l_0 \in L_0$ , we have

$$\begin{split} [(\alpha,\beta),(\alpha_{l_0},\beta_{l_0})] &= 0 \Rightarrow [\alpha,\alpha_{l_0}](x_1) = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha(\alpha_{l_0}(x_1) - \alpha_{l_0}(\alpha(x_1)) = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha({}^{l_0}x_1) - {}^{l_0}\alpha(x_1) = {}^{l_0}\alpha(x_1) + {}^{\beta(l_0)}x_1 - {}^{l_0}\alpha(x_1) = {}^{\beta(l_0)}x_1 = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_1 \in L_1$ , which implies that  $\beta(l_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1)$ . Also

$$\begin{split} [\beta, \beta_{l_0}] &= 0 \Rightarrow [\beta, \beta_{l_0}](x_0) = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \beta(\beta_{l_0}(x_0)) - \beta_{l_0}(\beta(x_0)) = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \beta([l_0, x_0]) - [l_0, \beta(x_0)] = 0, \\ &\Rightarrow [\beta(l_0), x_0] + [l_0, \beta(x_0)] - [l_0, \beta(x_0)] = [\beta(l_0), x_0] = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x_0 \in L_0$ , which implies that  $\beta(l_0) \in Z(L_0)$ . Hence

$$\beta(l_0) \in \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0).$$
 (3.4)

From (3.3) and (3.4), we get  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathrm{Der}_z(\mathcal{L})$ .

Corollary 3.6. Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a Lie crossed module and  $\operatorname{InnAct}(\mathcal{L}) \leq \mathcal{H} \leq \operatorname{ID}^* \operatorname{Act}(\mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$\mathcal{H} \cap \operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) = Z(\mathcal{H}).$$

*Proof.* The result follows by Lemmas 3.4 and 3.5.

#### 4. Main theorem

We are now ready to prove our main theorem, which gives a necessary and sufficient condition for  $Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $Act_z(\mathcal{L})$  to be equal. To this end, we need some preliminary lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a Lie crossed module and  $Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = Act_z(\mathcal{L})$ . Then  $InnAct(\mathcal{L})$  is abelian.

*Proof.* The result follows from the fact that  $\operatorname{InnAct}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = \operatorname{Act}_{z}(\mathcal{L})$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d_{\mathcal{L}})$  and  $\mathcal{M}: (M_1, M_0, d_{\mathcal{M}})$  be two Lie crossed modules. The set of all linear transformations from  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $\mathcal{M}$  is denoted by  $T(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M})$  and it is defined as

$$T(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}) : (T(L_0, M_1), (T(L_1, M_1), T(L_0, M_0))),$$

where for example  $T(L_0, M_1)$  is the vector space of linear transformations from  $L_0$  to  $M_1$ .

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  be a Lie crossed module. The dimension of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as

$$\dim \mathcal{L} = (\dim L_1, \dim L_0).$$

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{L}:(L_1,L_0,d)$  be a Lie crossed module. Then we have the following vector space isomorphisms:

- (1)  $\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1) \cong T(L_0/L_0^2, L_0, L_1);$
- (2)  $\operatorname{Der}_{z}(\mathcal{L}) \cong (T(L_{1}/D_{L_{0}}(L_{1}), L_{0}L_{1}), T(L_{0}/L_{0}^{2}, \operatorname{st}_{L_{0}}(L_{1}) \cap Z(L_{0})).$

*Proof.* (1) For each  $\delta \in \operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1)$ , we can define the map  $\psi_{\delta} : L_0/L_0^2 \longrightarrow^{L_0} L_1$  by  $\psi_{\delta}(l_0 + \mathcal{L}_0^2) = \delta(l_0)$  for all  $l_0 \in L_0$ . Clearly,  $\psi_{\delta}$  is well-defined. Also, it is easy to see that the map

$$\psi: \operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1) \longrightarrow T\left(\frac{L_0}{L_0^2}, L_0 L_1\right)$$

define by  $\psi(\delta) = \psi_{\delta}$  is an one-to-one and onto linear transformation. Thus

$$\operatorname{Der}_z(L_0, L_1) \cong T\left(\frac{L_0}{L_0^2}, L_0 L_1\right).$$

(2) For each  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \operatorname{Der}_z(\mathcal{L})$ , we may define the maps  $\phi_{\alpha} : L_1/D_{L_0}(L_1) \longrightarrow^{L_0} L_1$  and  $\phi_{\beta} : L_0/L_0^2 \longrightarrow \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)$  by  $\phi_{\alpha}(l_1 + D_{L_0}(L_1)) = \alpha(l_1)$  and  $\psi_{\beta}(l_0 + L_0^2) = \beta(l_0)$ , respectively. One can easily check that, the maps  $\phi_{\alpha}$  and  $\phi_{\beta}$  are well-defined linear transformations. Now, it is easy to show that the map

$$\hom \phi \mathrm{Der}_z(\mathcal{L}) \bigg( T \left( \frac{L_1}{D_{L_0}(L_1)}, ^{L_0} L_1 \right), T \left( \frac{L_0}{L_0^2}, \mathrm{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0) \right) \bigg) (\alpha, \beta) (\phi_\alpha, \phi_\beta)$$

is a one-to-one and onto linear transformation. Thus

$$\mathrm{Der}_z(\mathcal{L}) \cong \left( T\left(\frac{L_1}{D_{L_0}(L_1)}, ^{L_0}L_1\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{L_0^2}, \mathrm{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)\right) \right),$$

as required

Corollary 4.5. We have

$$\dim \operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) = \left(\dim T\left(\frac{L_0}{L_0^2}, ^{L_0}L_1\right), \\ \dim \left(T\left(\frac{L_1}{D_{L_0}(L_1)}, ^{L_0}L_1\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{L_0^2}, \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)\right)\right)\right).$$

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $\mathcal{L}: (L_1, L_0, d)$  be a nonabelian Lie crossed module of finite dimension with  $Z(\mathcal{L}) \neq 0$ . Then  $\operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) = \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  if and only if  $Z(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}^2$  and

$$\dim \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = \left(\dim T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), \\ \dim \left(T\left(\frac{L_1}{L_0L_1}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, L_0^2\right)\right)\right).$$

*Proof.* First assume that  $\operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) = \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$ . Since  $\operatorname{InnAct}(\mathcal{L}) \subseteq \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$ , we get  $\mathcal{L}^2 \subseteq Z(\mathcal{L})$ . For each  $\delta \in \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(L_0, L_1)$ , we define the well-defined linear transformation  $\psi_\delta : L_0/\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0) \longrightarrow D_{L_0}(L_1)$  by  $\psi_\delta(x_0 + \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)) = \delta(x_0)$ . One can easily check that the map

$$\psi: \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(L_0, L_1) \longrightarrow T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right)$$

define by  $\psi(\delta) = \psi_{\delta}$  is a one-to-one and onto linear transformation. Thus

$$\dim \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(L_0, L_1) = \dim T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right). \tag{4.1}$$

Also, for each  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$ , the maps  $\phi_{\alpha} : L_1/^{L_0}L_1 \longrightarrow D_{L_0}(L_1)$  and  $\phi_{\beta} : L_0/\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0) \longrightarrow L_0^2$  defined by  $\phi_{\alpha}(x_1 + ^{L_0}L_1) = \alpha(x_1)$  and  $\phi_{\beta}(x_0 + \operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)) = \beta(x_0)$ , respectively, are well-defined linear transformations. One can easily see that

$$\phi: \mathrm{Der}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) \longrightarrow \left(T\left(\frac{L_1}{L_0L_1}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{\mathrm{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, L_0^2\right)\right)$$

given by  $\phi(\alpha, \beta) = (\phi_{\alpha}, \phi_{\beta})$  is a one-to-one and onto linear transformation. Thus

$$\dim \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = \dim \left( T\left(\frac{L_1}{L_0L_1}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, L_0^2\right) \right). \tag{4.2}$$

From (4.1) and (4.2), it follows that

$$\dim \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = \left(\dim T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), \\ \dim \left(T\left(\frac{L_1}{L_0L_1}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, L_0^2\right)\right)\right).$$

Suppose on the contrary that  $\mathcal{L}^2 \subset Z(\mathcal{L})$ . Then

$$\dim T\left(\frac{\mathcal{L}}{Z(\mathcal{L})},\mathcal{L}^2\right)<\dim T\left(\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\mathcal{L}^2},Z(\mathcal{L})\right),$$

which contradicts the equality of  $\operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\operatorname{Act}_{z}(\mathcal{L})$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{L}^{2} = Z(\mathcal{L})$ . Conversely, assume that  $\mathcal{L}^{2} = Z(\mathcal{L})$  and

$$\dim \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) = \left(\dim T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), \\ \dim \left(T\left(\frac{L_1}{L_0L_1}, D_{L_0}(L_1)\right), T\left(\frac{L_0}{\operatorname{st}_{L_0}(L_1) \cap Z(L_0)}, L_0^2\right)\right)\right).$$

Since  $\mathcal{L}^2 \subseteq Z(\mathcal{L})$ , we have

$$Act_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) \leqslant Act_z(\mathcal{L}).$$
 (4.3)

On the other hand, we have

$$\dim \operatorname{Der}_{z}(L_{0}, L_{1}) = \dim T\left(\frac{L_{0}}{L_{0}^{2}}, L_{1}\right)$$

$$= \dim \left(\frac{L_{0}}{\operatorname{st}_{L_{0}}(L_{1}) \cap Z(L_{0})}, D_{L_{0}}(L_{1})\right)$$

$$= \dim \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(L_{0}, L_{1}) \tag{4.4}$$

and

$$\dim \operatorname{Der}_{z}(\mathcal{L}) = \dim T\left(\frac{L_{1}}{L_{0}L_{1}}, D_{L_{0}}(L_{1})\right), T\left(\frac{L_{0}}{L_{0}^{2}}, \operatorname{st}_{L_{0}}(L_{1}) \cap Z(L_{0})\right)$$

$$= \dim \left(T\left(\frac{L_{1}}{L_{0}L_{1}}, D_{L_{0}}(L_{1})\right), T\left(\frac{L_{0}}{\operatorname{st}_{L_{0}}(L_{1}) \cap Z(L_{0})}, L_{0}^{2}\right)\right)$$

$$= \dim \operatorname{Der}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$$

$$(4.5)$$

From (4.4) and (4.5), we conclude that  $\dim \operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) = \dim \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$ . Since  $\operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L}) \leqslant \operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L})$  by (4.3), it follows that  $\operatorname{Act}_z(\mathcal{L}) = \operatorname{Act}_{pi}(\mathcal{L})$ . The proof is completed.

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